

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

WINTER READINESS

Did You Know? Winter weather is one of our main hazards identified in risk assessments.

Communication

Be ready in the event of a power failure:

- ✓ Cell phone: portable charger or extra batteries.
- ✓ Radio: battery, solar or crank powered, for listening to local emergency instructions

Food and Safety

Have enough food and safety supplies for a week. If you live in a remote area, have more supplies on hand.

You should have the following supplies:

- ✓ Drinking water
- ✓ Canned/dry food (bread, dried fruits)
- ✓ Non-electric can opener
- ✓ Baby food and formula (if applicable)
- ✓ Prescription drugs and other medicine
- ✓ First-aid kit
- ✓ Rock-salt to melt ice on walkways
- ✓ Supply of sand for traction on walkways
- ✓ Flashlight and extra batteries
- ✓ Battery-powered lamps or lanterns
(To prevent fire, avoid using candles.)

Keeping Warm

Turning on the stove for heat is not safe. Consider the following heat sources if your power goes out:

- ✓ Blankets, sleeping bags and warm winter coats
- ✓ Fireplace/woodstove with dry firewood or a gas fireplace
- ✓ Portable space or kerosene heaters
 - Check with your fire department's regulations
 - Never place on top of furniture or near water
 - Never leave children unattended
 - Keep 1m from furniture and draperies

Have the following safety equipment:

- ✓ Chemical fire extinguisher
- ✓ Smoke alarm (check batteries)
- ✓ Carbon monoxide detector (check batteries)

Be aware:

- ✓ Never use gas powered equipment indoors, inside a garage, or near an air intake to your home
- ✓ Do not use generators or appliances if they are wet
- ✓ Do not store fuel indoors as fumes could ignite

BE PREPARED!

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